

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 2, please amend paragraph [0005] as follows.

[0005] Moving fiber switches ~~involves~~ involve the actual physical movement of one or more of the fibers to specific positions to accomplish the transmission of a light beam from one fiber end to another under selected switching conditions. Moving optical component switches, on the other hand, ~~includes~~ include optical collimating lenses which expand the light beam coming from the fibers, and then[[,]] by using moving prisms or mirrors, ~~redirecting~~ redirect the expanded light beam to other fibers[[,]] as required by the switching process.

On page 9, please amend paragraph [0036] as follows.

[0036] Turning first to FIG. 6, the switching element 40' is in a first position. The fourth reflector 47 is in the optical path of the second input collimator 22' and the third output collimator 34', and the fifth reflector 48 is in the optical path of the third input collimator 32' and the second output collimator 24'. Light beams from the first input fiber 11' are directed to the first output fiber 13' sequentially through the first input collimator 12' and the first output collimator 14'. Light beams from the second input fiber 21' are directed to the fourth reflector 47 through the second input collimator 22', and are then reflected between the fourth reflector 47 and the second reflector 43' to the third output fiber 33' through the third output collimator 34'. In like manner, light beams from the third input fiber 31' pass through the third input collimator 32' are reflected between the fifth reflector 48 and the first reflector 42', and pass through the second output collimator 24' to be output by the second output fiber 23'.